

Members know I am in favor of privatization. I am a conservative Republican. But this corporatization of a Government function, of a core Government function, it is the Government's job to protect our individual rights. It has been part of our system since the founding of our country. This is not the way to privatize Government. We cannot do that, because that is the job of the Government.

Mr. Speaker, basically the patent examiners, and by the way, by making it a quasi-corporate structure, congressional oversight is taken back, but what also happens is that the patent examiners, these men and women who have dedicated themselves to a fair adjudication of American applications for patents, these people work hard and they struggle, and it is a tough job, but it is a judicial function, because they are making decisions as to who owns billions of dollars of technology.

These people are going to be stripped, they will be stripped of their civil service protection. This opens up everything to corruption. It opens it up to outside influences. Why are we doing this? Why are we doing this? If the patent office is corporatized, Bruce Lehman, the minister of harmonization with our laws with Japan, he is going to head the patent office, and he will be a virtual dictator of that office compared to what now it is, when we basically have it being part of the Government rather than a semi-private operation.

These changes are destructive. They will work against the best interests of the United States. It is transparent, the corruption that will be created, and the special interests from all over the world who will be trying to interfere with a system, a system which has served us so well and kept America ahead of the pack, ensured that the United States of America had a middle class, people who had decent lives because we had technology that permitted us to outcompete our adversaries economically and defeat our military adversaries when our country was in trouble.

H.R. 3460, the Steal American Technologies Act, that is the Moorhead-Schroeder bill, patent act, it must be defeated. The Rohrabacher substitute, which I will offer on the floor, which restores American patent rights, must be passed. It is something we have to do to protect the well-being of our citizens.

Huge companies have been opposed to this proposal. It is up to the American people. The American people have to weigh in, or huge corporations, multinational corporations, will have their way. So far we have the support of small business, the little guys, every small inventors organization in the country, even American universities. But the big corporations of the United States of America have weighed in because they have a vision of a global market, and who cares about the rights of the American people or the standard

of living of the American people. It is this global marketplace which is more important.

Mr. Speaker, we can make democracy work here. We can defeat the big guys if the little guys get together and make sure that they are contacting their Representatives in Washington and demanding that a piece of legislation so detrimental to our country's well-being, the Steal American Technologies Act, is defeated, H.R. 3460, and that the substitute that I am proposing, the Rohrabacher substitute, is placed in its stead.

Now is the time for us as Americans to stand together and tell the elites of the world we will never see our rights diminished by any kind of global vision. We will make sure that our children have a better life, because we are all the children, and all of Americans will always be the children, of Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. We will never give up the rights that they gave us as their legacy.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EMERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 3 p.m., on account of attending his daughter's graduation.

Mr. MARTINI (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 2 p.m. today, on account of attending his daughter's graduation.

Mr. BASS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 2:30 p.m. today, on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 5 p.m., on account of traveling to Greelyville, SC, to join the President in standing against arson attacks on places of worship.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRBACHER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes each day, on June 18 and 19.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes each day, on June 13 and 19.

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes each day, on June 12 and 13.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes on June 13.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DUNN of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILLEARY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. GEJDESON.

Mr. JACOBS.

Mr. RAHALL.

Ms. DELAURO.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. REED.

Mr. PALLONE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRBACHER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KING.

Mr. BOEHLERT.

Mr. GRAHAM.

Mr. DELAY.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. ROHRBACHER.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. HOKE.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. NETHERCUTT.

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM in two instances.

Mr. ALLARD.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRBACHER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. PARKER.

Mr. DORNAN.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. FARR of California.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mrs. FOWLER.

Mr. LATHAM.

Mr. FLAKE.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 13, 1996, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from